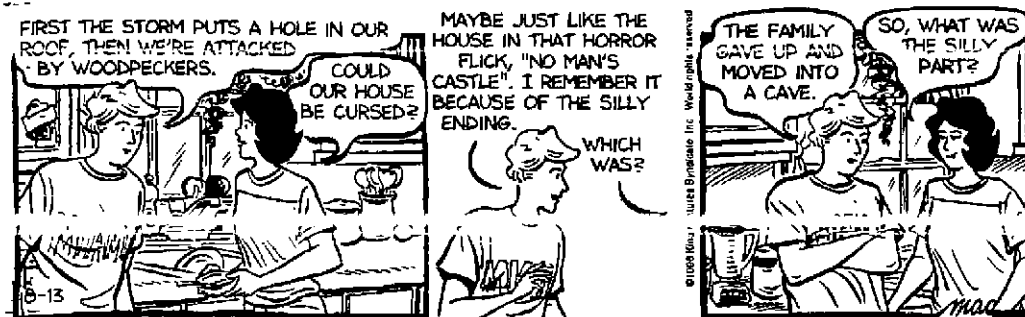


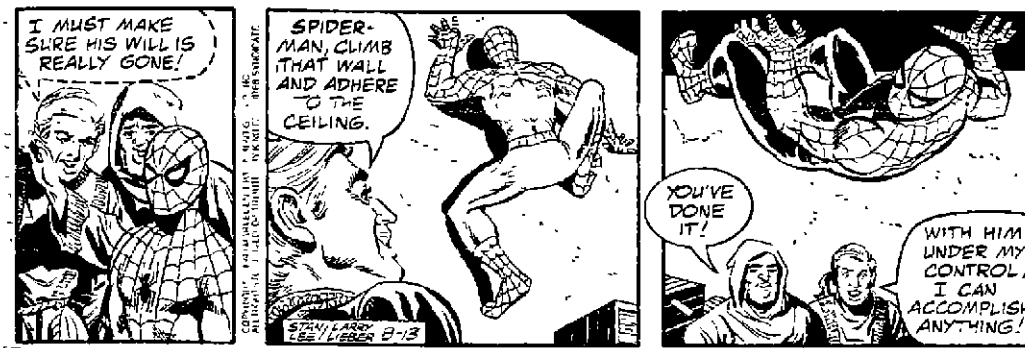
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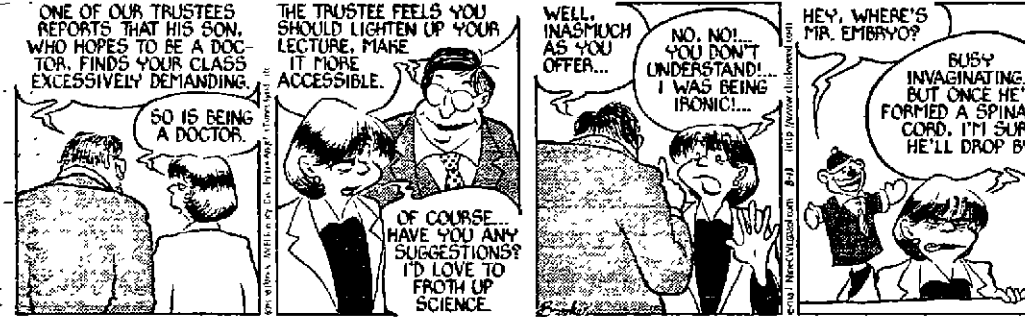
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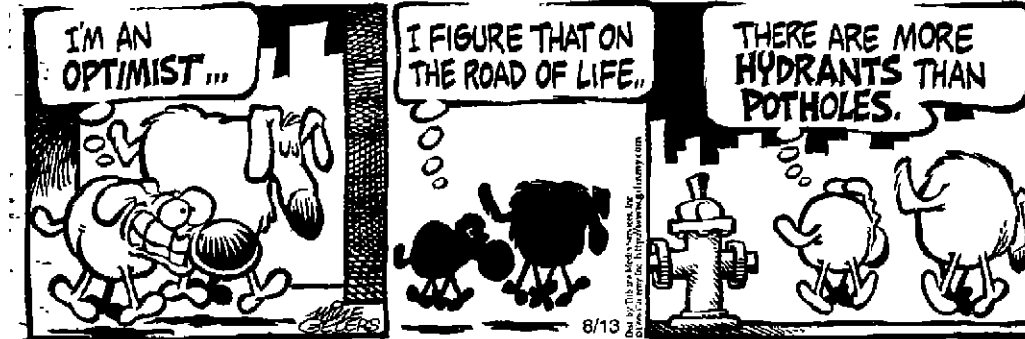
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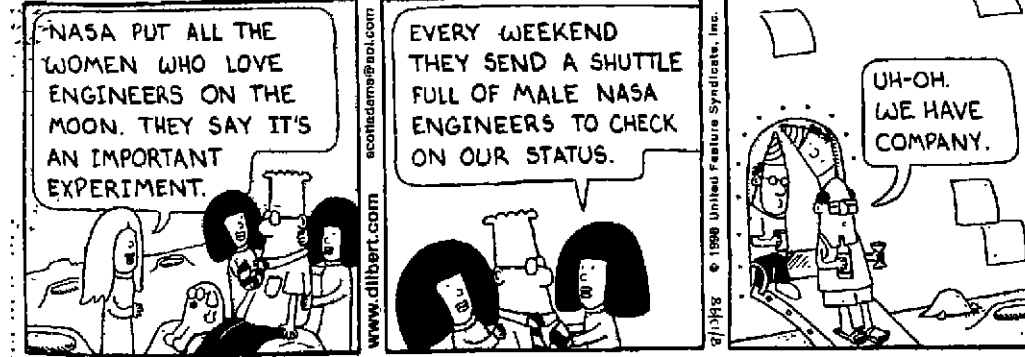
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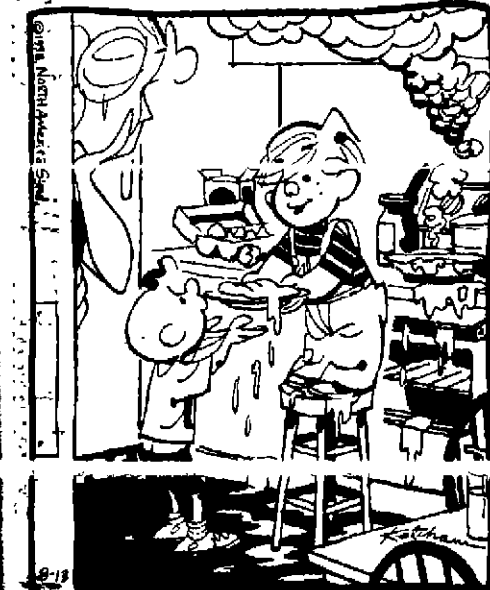
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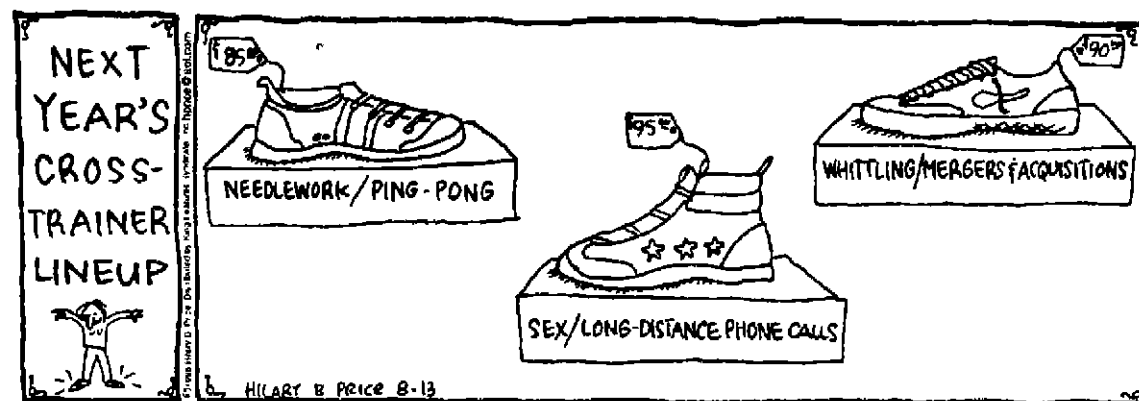
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## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Aug. 14, 1998

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Don't close the door on dis-

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Pursue money-generating schemes because you are ready for a payoff. Keep your ear to the ground for new opportunities that could bring you wealth.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You are looking fit and feeling fine. A jog in the park is sure to get you noticed.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Look at your mode of operation before tearing apart the operation itself. The errors that keep recurring might be because of you, not the system.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Feel free to call in a favor from a friend. You won't be losing face, just making a promise to be called on for a favor yourself.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Go ahead and last after that promotion at the office, but be prepared for extra work and overtime to catch your boss's eye.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get ready to smack your head in disbelief when you realize something totally obvious.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Too much of any good thing is too much for you to handle. Remember that quality supersedes quantity, and you will appreciate the intricacies of life.

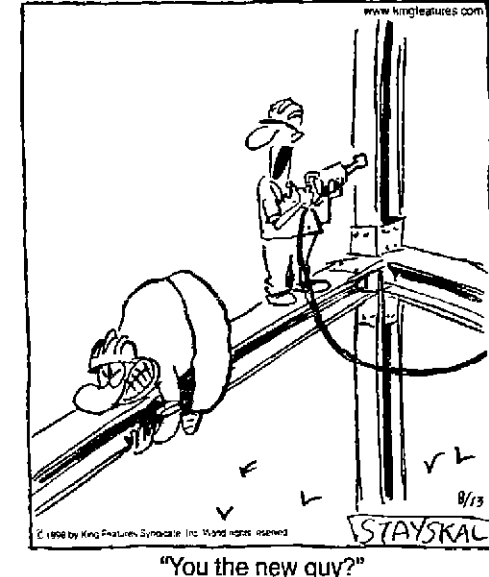
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Drawing the lines of ownership and individuality will be important when dealing with a loved one.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Try not to allow your emotions to overrule your rationality, or your otherwise good judgment will become clouded.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Let your hair down and show the world that you know how to have fun.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) You could meet someone who will quickly become a close friend.

## RALPH



## WORD SLEUTH

## Sports Dons

U S P M J H E B Y V T Q O L I  
N G M D B Y W T R P M K I F D  
B E NEWCOMB E G D U B Y  
W U S S R Q O A M N K Y Y R I  
F D B R Z E X T O W R U E S Q  
M A Y N A R D T N A O M N C N  
L J H L O L T I U E M F A D C  
A Y U L W U V N T I L R H T S  
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S A I H F J E L L E Y R O C C  
B B E L A D S Y R D Z Y W N V

Wednesday's unlisted clue: ABUELO

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: World Series Perfect Game

|        |           |          |        |
|--------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Baylor | Coryell   | Maynard  | Shula  |
| Budge  | Drysdale  | Meredith | Sutton |
| Carter | January   | Nelson   | Zimmer |
| Chaney | Mattingly | Newcombe |        |

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For solution, see Classified.

## ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"What rotten luck," whined South. "Not only did I lose two 50-50 finesse against two missing kings, but I couldn't even do right in finding a jack! Look over South's play. How should he have played to improve his chances substantially? Dummy's diamond ace won. South took a losing trump finesse. West led another diamond, which went to South's king, and South led a trump to dummy to take a club finesse. This also lost, and West exited safely with his 10 of clubs. South won his ace, ruffed a club in dummy and led a low spade to his king. Again West captured an honor, this time returning a spade. South finessed again and lost again, and the game went with it. The safest way to play this hand is to take a club finesse at trick two. West wins and leads a second diamond to South's king, but instead of risking any more finesse, South cashes his trump ace. When no king falls, he cashes his club ace, ruffs his last club in dummy and surrenders a trump to the king. Regardless of which defender wins, that player must offer a ruff and sluff or break the spade suit. Either way, South has his 10 winners. What if East had held the K-x-x in trumps? Then the suggested line of play wouldn't guarantee success. The chances of a 2-1 trump split are 78 percent, and there's a chance the king might drop singleton. Lacking all of that, South still might make a good guess for the jack of spades.

Vulnerable: East-West

Dealer: South

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥    | Pass | 2♥    | Pass |
| 4♥    | Pass | Pass  | Pass |

Opening lead: Diamond 10

## BRIDGE RESULTS

**Bridge America:** Saturday evening, first, Bill Barrington, MaryAnne Ruff; second, Doug Lyon, Arlene Rainone.

**Bridge Studio:** Sunday afternoon, first, Peter Leonelli, Jo Fortino; second, Matt Brown, Patricia Hooper; Sunday evening, first, Cliff Donn, Josh Donn; second, Allene Huntley, Paul Peters, Monday morning, first, John Poppo, Ellen Dixon; second, Milt Rosenblum, Doug Lyon; Monday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Bud Nasteff; second, Judie Bailey, Cameron Ross; Tuesday evening, first, Carl Banick, Charlotte Morseburg; second/third, Evelyn Broadwell, Nan Cramer; Sharon Ausman, John Hobbs; Wednesday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Mike Walsh; second, Cameron Ross, Bill Barrington; Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers, 1 EW, Peg Raus, Ginny Eich; Thursday evening first, John Chappell, Doug Lyon; second, Joe O'Brien, Steve O'Brien; Friday morning, first, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon; second, Joe Conrad, Julie Sunser; Friday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Gerta Freimark; second, Josh Donn, Mike Walsh.

**Concord:** 1 NS, Pam Gibson, Paul Peters, 2 NS, Rosema Dunn, Dot Joiner; 1 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry Wurdinger; 2 EW, Matt Brown, Pat Hooper.

**Lafayette Country Club:** 1 NS, Marcia Rothschild, Lois Meyer; 2 NS, Esta Sebell, Muriel Herr; 1 EW, Joan Hoffman, Ethel Goldberg; 2 EW, Dottie Poushter, Shirley Ashkin.

**Liverpool:** 1 NS, Betty Burns, Anne O'Brien; 2 NS, Howard Johndrow, Judy Butcher, 1 EW, Gerry Wurdinger, Fran Dussault; 2 EW, Joel Davis, Eugene Wurdinger.

**Stonehedge:** 1/2 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Lil Parkhurst; Mildred Wells, Judy Zatony; 1 EW, Sally Jamieson, Louise Staring; 2 EW, Fran Dussault, Peg Hesslein.

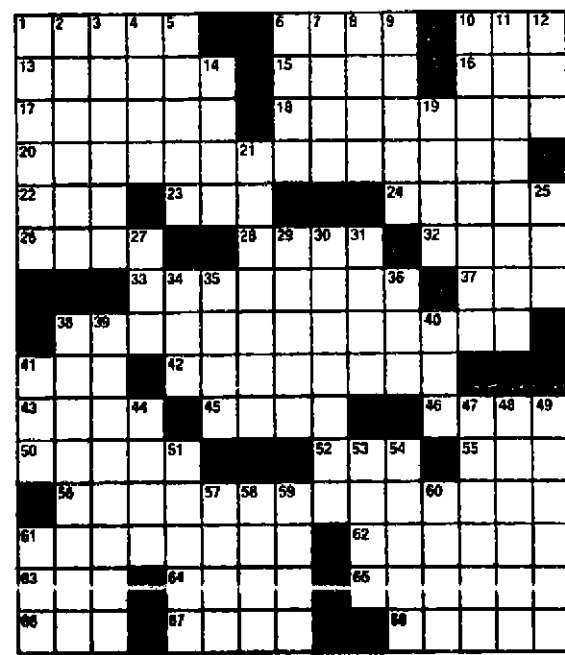
**Syracuse Contract:** Wednesday evening, first, Lon Desruisseaux, Paul Peters; second, Fred Peisel, John Herman; Thursday afternoon, 1 NS, Alberta McCormick, Laura Distr; 2 NS, Lori Desruisseaux, Judy Butcher; 1 EW, Mary Ann Finn, Anne Scharmach; 2/3 EW, Clorinda Morris, Judith Ortiz; John Poppo, Doug Lyon; Thursday evening, first, Josh Carino, Paul Peters; second, Peter Leonelli, Virgil Eveleigh; Friday evening, first, John Herman, Joan Noll, second, Judy Butcher, Mary Ann Finn.

**Onondaga Bridge Association:** Flight A, first, John Herman, Fred Peisel; second, Carol Neuberger, Fred Neuberger; Flight B, first, Joan Phillips, Don Phillips; second, Gerry Raway, Josh Carino; Flight C, first, Fred Wahl, John DeMaria; second, Pat Hill, Millie Tyman.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0702



Puzzle by Pat M. Hugel

## ACROSS

- 1 "The Balcony" playwright  
6 Cries of aversion  
10 One of the finest  
13 Asseveration  
15 Santa's coat?  
16 Lilac or lemon, e.g.  
17 Kipling's "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Species"  
18 One available in Avila  
20 Hero of many old dime novels  
22 Tikkanen of hockey  
23 \_\_\_\_\_ Miguel  
24 Kind of days  
26 "Spartacus" setting  
28 Socials  
32 Japanese soup  
33 Poe classic  
37 Schedule letters  
38 Make cry  
41 J.F.K.'s U.N. ambassador  
42 Shepherd, of a sort  
43 Shelter grp.  
45 Racketeer's org.?  
46 John Paul, e.g., to the Italians  
50 Reeves of "Chain Reaction"  
52 One that brings in the bucks?  
55 Dystopian 1920 play  
56 N.B.A. All-Star  
61 Light horse-drawn carriage  
62 High-hat  
63 43-Across offering  
64 Like many orgs  
65 Prickly plant  
66 "What \_\_\_\_\_ you saying?"  
67 One of the Durbeyfields  
68 Brace, with "up"

## DOWN

- 1 Movie worker  
2 Excitedly  
3 Polite refusal  
4 McGregor of "Trainspotting"  
5 Squeals  
6 Former G.D.R. ally  
7 Attendee  
8 "\_\_\_\_\_ sort qui mal y pense"  
9 Shelves, maybe  
10 Less amicable  
11 Survives  
12 Shell game item  
14 Champagne Tony of golf  
16 Stationer's order  
18 1950 film noir thriller  
27 Schedule board abbr.  
28 Bother badly  
29 Popular salad ingredient  
31 Dickens's \_\_\_\_\_ Pecksniff  
34 March syllable  
38 Tannish  
39 Part of an extended name  
36 Twice-convinced felon  
39 Snowball  
40 Artist in the Cercle et Carré group  
41 "Don't \_\_\_\_\_!"  
44 Profic poet?  
47 Songlike  
48 Boat propeller, of a sort  
49 Like some socks  
51 Missed, as a target  
53 Cousin  
54 Coups of ospreys  
57 Belt  
58 Gets off the fence, so to speak  
59 Sitcom diner  
60 Ham's father  
61 Place for sweaters

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